

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace the listing of claims as pending in the present application (according to the amendments made under Article 19):

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original - Article 19): A method of performing direct current pressurized sintering to powder in a mold having a cylindrical molding space, wherein, upon continuously effecting sintering while relatively moving a current portion and a sintering subject, the sintering powder material disposed in the cylindrical mold is pressurized from the end of the mold, an electrode movable in the lengthwise direction of said mold is disposed around the mold, and sintering is effected by electrifying and heating the sintering powder material.

Claim 2 (original - Article 19): A method of performing direct current pressure sintering to powder in a mold having a cylindrical molding space, wherein, upon continuously effecting sintering while relatively moving a current portion and a sintering subject, an electrode connection terminal assembly affixed to the periphery of the mold and having a space portion capable of moving freely on a single axis is provided, and sintering is effected by the connection terminal assembly moving the current portion.

Claim 3 (original - Article 19): A method of performing direct current pressure sintering to powder in a mold having a cylindrical molding space, wherein sintering is continuously effected while relatively moving a current portion and a sintering subject, and a material with an uneven cross section is sintered while setting the heating area.

Claims 4-8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (original - Article 19): A sintering device for performing direct current pressurized sintering to powder in a mold having a cylindrical molding space while relatively moving a current portion and a sintering subject, comprising an elevation ram capable of position control and which successively moves the mold and sintering subject, wherein a material with an uneven cross section is sintered while setting the heating area.

Claim 10 (original - Article 19): A sintering device according to claim 9, further comprising a pressurizing ram capable of load control and which pressurizes the sintering powder material disposed in the cylindrical mold from one end of the mold.

Claims 11-14 (canceled).